

***Listing of the Claims***

1. (Original) A method comprising:  
in response to a request to perform a set of operations on a plurality of logical volumes,  
identifying a first storage region of a plurality of storage regions to allocate for a  
first operation of the set of operations on a first logical volume of the  
plurality of logical volumes; and  
determining whether a second operation of the set of operations can be performed  
on a second logical volume of the plurality of logical volumes using a  
subset of the plurality of storage regions, wherein  
the subset excludes the first storage region.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
if the second operation cannot be performed using the subset of the plurality of storage  
regions,  
identifying a third storage region of the plurality of storage regions to allocate for  
the first operation, and  
determining whether the second operation can be performed using a second subset  
of the plurality of storage regions, wherein  
the second subset excludes the third storage region.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising:  
if the first storage region is allocated for the first operation on the first logical volume,  
de-allocating the first storage region, and  
including the first storage region in the second subset prior to determining  
whether the second operation can be performed.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
identifying a respective set of rules to configure each respective logical volume of the  
plurality of logical volumes prior to identifying the first storage region, wherein  
the respective set of rules for each respective logical volume is used to identify a  
respective storage region to allocate for the respective logical volume.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein  
the determining whether the second operation can be performed comprises  
examining a second respective set of rules for the second logical volume.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
determining a respective storage region to allocate for each respective operation of the set  
of operations by  
determining whether a remaining operation of the set of operations can be  
performed using an unallocated subset of the plurality of storage regions,  
wherein  
the remaining operation excludes the respective operation,  
the unallocated subset excludes the respective storage region, and  
the unallocated subset excludes an allocated subset of the plurality of  
storage regions, wherein  
each storage region in the allocated subset is allocated to one of the  
set of operations.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein  
each operation of the set of operations is one type of operation.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein  
a first operation of the set of operations is a first type of operation,  
a second operation of the set of operations is a second type of operation, and  
the first type and the second type are different.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein  
the first storage region conforms to a first intent of the first logical volume.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein  
the first intent comprises a first rule used to configure the first storage region to provide  
the first logical volume.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
performing the first operation on the first logical volume using the first storage region.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein one operation of the set of operations is one of the following:

- creating the first logical volume;
- growing the second logical volume; and
- adding a mirror to a third logical volume of the plurality of logical volumes.

13. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium for storing computer executable instructions, wherein a method is performed in response to executing the instructions, the method comprising:

in response to a request to perform a set of operations on a plurality of logical volumes,

- identifying a first storage region of a plurality of storage regions to allocate for a first operation of the set of operations on a first logical volume of the plurality of logical volumes; and
- determining whether a second operation of the set of operations can be performed on a second logical volume of the plurality of logical volumes using a subset of the plurality of storage regions, wherein the subset excludes the first storage region.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13 wherein the method further comprises:

if the second operation cannot be performed using the subset of the plurality of storage regions,

- identifying a third storage region of the plurality of storage regions to allocate for the first operation, and
- determining whether the second operation can be performed using a second subset of the plurality of storage regions, wherein the second subset excludes the third storage region.

15. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14 wherein the method further comprises:

if the first storage region is allocated for the first operation on the first logical volume,

- de-allocating the first storage region, and

including the first storage region in the second subset prior to determining whether the second operation can be performed.

16. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13 wherein the method further comprises:

identifying a respective set of rules to configure each respective logical volume of the plurality of logical volumes prior to identifying the first storage region, wherein the respective set of rules for each respective logical volume is used to identify a respective storage region to allocate for the respective logical volume.

17. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 16 wherein

the determining whether the second operation can be performed comprises examining a second respective set of rules for the second logical volume.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13 wherein the method further comprises:

determining a respective storage region to allocate for each respective operation of the set of operations by

determining whether a remaining operation of the set of operations can be performed using an unallocated subset of the plurality of storage regions, wherein

the remaining operation excludes the respective operation,  
the unallocated subset excludes the respective storage region, and  
the unallocated subset excludes an allocated subset of the plurality of

storage regions, wherein

each storage region in the allocated subset is allocated to one of the set of operations.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 13 wherein

each operation of the set of operations is one type of operation.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13  
wherein  
a first operation of the set of operations is a first type of operation,  
a second operation of the set of operations is a second type of operation, and  
the first type and the second type are different.

21. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13  
wherein  
the first storage region conforms to a first intent of the first logical volume.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 21  
wherein  
the first intent comprises a first rule used to configure the first storage region to provide  
the first logical volume.

23. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13  
wherein the method further comprises:  
performing the first operation on the first logical volume using the first storage region.

24. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13  
wherein  
one operation of the set of operations is one of the following:  
creating the first logical volume;  
growing the second logical volume; and  
adding a mirror to a third logical volume of the plurality of logical volumes.

25. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium that stores  
instructions executable by a computer system, wherein the computer system  
implements a method in response to executing the instructions, the instructions  
comprising:  
a first set of instructions configured to receive a request to create first and second logical  
volumes, wherein

the first and second logical volumes are required to have first and second storage structures, respectively, and first and second storage quantities, respectively;

a second set of instructions configured to select a first collection of physical memory regions;

a third set of instructions configured to allocate the first collection of physical memory regions to create the first and second logical volumes;

a fourth set of instructions configured to determine whether the first and second logical volumes have the first and second storage quantities, respectively, and the first and second storage structures, respectively;

a fifth set of instructions configured to select a second collection of physical memory regions, wherein the second collection is different from the first collection, if the first and second logical volumes do not have the first and second storage quantities, respectively, and do not have the first and second storage structures, respectively.

26. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 25 wherein the instructions further comprise:
  - a sixth set of instructions configured to allocate the second collection of physical memory regions to create new first and second logical volumes;
  - a seventh set of instructions configured to determine whether the new first and second logical volumes have the first and second storage quantities, respectively, and the first and second storage structures, respectively.